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Much of the never during his sojourn therefore occurred during his sojourn near the court of the Mikado. He arrived in Japan in 1873. He at once inaugurated that policy toward the Japanese Government that his won for him and for our Nation the respect and praise of the civil-some whether this can be done at this time; but the Mikado certainly hopes to be able to do this.

Nation the respect and praise of the civilized world.

It will be necessary to look at the existing state of affairs at the time of his arrival. In 1865 the fleet of Great Britain was in strength in Japanese waters, and a demand was made under this pressure by Great Britain for the formation of a treaty that took from Japan her inherent and rightful authority over her foreign commerce. France, the Netherlands, and the United States co-operated with her in the formation of a treaty in which it was agreed that the tariff duties on all foreign imports to that country sheald not exceed 5 percent ad valorem. It also included a large free list subject to no duty, and excluded no article of import save opium. The rank injugice of this will appear when we remember that both Great Britain and the United States have a revenue from duties, the former of \$125,000,000 and the latter of \$160,000,000, while Japan, with an importation of foreign goods amounting to \$36,000,000. Thus she has lost annually not less than \$5,000,000.

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Our Progress.

In addition to this she was also deprived of her rightful control over the subjects and citizens of these governments resident in Japan. This outrage will appear more fully when we remember that by false construction of former treaties Japan was denied the right to impose the obligations of law on European subjects resident in the Empire, and could not therefore collect taxes on their lands and goods. Against such wrongs as these Mr. Bingham determinedly set his face and exerted to the full his powers of diplomacy. But if Americans are filled with indignation at the picture already drawn of the state of affairs in Japan, they will find that their sense of justice is still more deeply outraged by the conduct of the Western Powers.

A MAN OF COURAGE.

The treaty that had thus been made with Japan provided that either party to it might, at the end of six years (1872), demand a review thereof on notice. In 1873 Japan made that demand, but all foreign powers refused save the United States. Such a wrong has seldom been allowed to pass unnoticed. Had it been committed by an individual in place of powerful nations he would have been sentenced to the felon's cell. To do right at such a time involved not only courage but wisdom. Fortunately for the henor of our Republic, we had in our Miniater a man who had both courage and skill. At an early day in Mr. Bingham's service he favored a just treaty with that country,fully Republic, we had in our almister a man who had both course and akill. At an early day in Mr. Bingham's service he favored a just treaty with that country, fully according to her all her rights. This treaty was formulated in 1878, but, for reasons which may easily be guessed, Japan, while deeply grateful to the Republic for this, asked an additional article to be added thereto, providing that this treaty should not go into operation until the other Powers should conclude a similar treaty with her. Although seven years have passed no other foreign nation has consented to make a similar treaty. Thus it is seen that Japan holds the United States in the highest regard. This is admitted by other nations. In the London and China Express, a journal which represents European policy in East, there is a very interesting article, bearing date April 17, 1885. After commenting on the length of time that Mr. Bingham has been near the Court of the Mikado, and criticising our civil service that allowed him to be retired, the editor says: "He (Mr. Bingham) brought to the questions with which he had to deal in Japan a mind steeped to the core in the broad principles and methods of juris-prudence as distinguished from the pettioging methods which are the sole stock in trade of 50 many lawyers, English as well as American. He has on all occasions given the most ready and full recognition of the various steps of Japaneso progress. His advice has frequently, parhaps constantly, been sought and granted, and, above all, his views on the extent and limitations of the extra-territoriality clauses in the treatics have been extent and limitations of the extra-terri toriality clauses in the treaties have been those for which the Japanese have con-tended. Over and over again we find those for which the Japanese have contended. Over and over again we find him standing alone against the rest of his colleagues in supporting the Japanese interpretation of their rights and powers under these clauses." After referring to the position that Mr. Bingham took in regard to the duties of foreigners resident in Japan, which are simply to obey the laws it so far as they did not conflict with rights accorded them by existing treaties; and also to the fact that the other Ministers claimed the right of their subjects to live in Japan and violate Japanese laws, the editor says: "The point need not be diacussed here; we only advert to it to explain the unbounded popularity enjoyed by the retiring Envoy in all intelligent Japanese circles in the Capital, and she regret with which his departure will be witnessed. Mr. Bingham was as tenacious as any Minister could possibly be of what he regarded as the true interests of this country. Freight.....

country. The departure of such a man could only be attended by universal regret. But it is gratifying to notice how all combined to heap honors on the head of the departure of the train by which he was to leave Tokio for Yokohama a remarkable company began to assemble. Let us look in and see them. There were Prince San-

jo, the Chancellor of the Empire, attended by every member of the Japanese Cabinet except a few who were unable to leave their homes. The Corps Diplomatique and all prominent foreign residents of the city were there. There was not a single nationality unrepresented except the German, and a family calamity hindered the presence of Count Doenhoff.

The question may arise: Has there been sufficient development made in Japan to justify the generous policy that has been shown toward that Empire? The work done in Japan since 1878, or during the period of Mr. Bigham's Embassy, may be thus summed up:

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5. Many schools established by missionaries and by Japanese subjects.
6. Many Protestant Christian churches organized by European and American missionaries.
7. The Rev. W. T. Meloy, a well known minister of Eastern Ohio, furnishes an interesting sketch in regard to the useful labors of our neighbor, Hon. John A. Bingham, a man who is a carcely less popular on this side of the river than smonghis own people.
Mr. Bingham, so long the representative of the Beimont district in Congress, has been for the last twelve years United States Minister to Japan, and has but recently returned to his home at Cadiz, Ohio.

In a conversation with Rev. Mr. Meloy about two years ago, General Grant, in speaking of Mr. Bingham, remarked that he never made an appointment of which he felt so proud as that of Minister Bingham to Japan. Upon being asked why, he said, "because he had taught the people of Japan that they are a nation, and has taught the nations of the earth to respect them as such."

Mr. Bingham's services were retained by President Hayee, Garfield and Arthur. Much of the development of Japan has therefore occurred during his sojourn near the court of the Mikado. He arrived in Japan in 1873. He at once inaugurated that policy toward the Japanese Government for his people; providing for a Congress or National Parliament, the fining its powers and the prerogatives of the Empire to the wasts and the interestic for the people. This change to be made in 1890. Some one will say: "Why wait ten years to do this?" It must be remembered that such a lorm of government including the large of the people. This change to be made in Japan.



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